



## **ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL** **HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL**

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### **SUMMARY FOR 1-30-17 THROUGH 2-26-17**

This report takes us through week eight of 2017. We continue to have daily interactions with mentally ill homeless people some of whom are quite violent. We receive a great number of calls regarding this group trespassing, refusing to leave businesses, yelling profanities and threatening employees and customers, locking themselves in bathrooms and sometimes attacking people.

Last year at this time we had handled 907 calls for service. So far this year we have responded to 1145 calls for service. That's 238 above last year's pace. If this trend continues, we will handle an additional 625 calls for service over last year's record pace.

We are working with Kerry Morrison's staff to identify problem areas in the BIDs.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On 1-30-17, we responded to a call of a man trespassing at the Motel 6 located at 1738 Whitley. We have been providing extra patrol in the area due to complaints of drug use and sales and people trespassing and scaring residents. The man was gone when our officers arrived. As they were leaving they were flagged down by people outside of the Retan Hotel located at 1732 Whitley. They said there was a man inside, possibly on drugs causing a disturbance. The officers entered, found the man and escorted him out of the hotel. He then left the area.

Another team of officers was sent to 6650 Hollywood Blvd. as a security guard called and said a man was blocking the sidewalk. The officers spoke to 28 year old Sean and he immediately became very hostile. He demanded that the officers get out of his bubble. They finally convinced Sean to gather his stuff and leave. He came back and started arguing again, but then finally went on his way.

On 1-31-17, we received another call regarding Sean. Callers said that he was in the area of Hollywood and Orange. He would suddenly jump in front of pedestrians screaming. He didn't touch the people, but he did startle them. The officers got him to calm down and he said he was just having some fun. He agreed that this wasn't the best behavior and agreed to stop.

On 2-2-17, our officers were flagged down by the owner of Prestige Jewelry located at 6553 Hollywood Blvd. He said that a man had been banging on his window almost breaking it. Our officers found the man walking westbound. He was yelling profanities at people. He also entered several stores. They saw him walk into Zara located at 6920 Hollywood Blvd. He attempted to walk out with a stolen pair of jeans, but our officers intervened. The man was irate, but left the scene.

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On 2-3-17, I participated in a meeting with AT+T staff at their facility. Kerry Morrison and staff, the LAPD, Council Office, BID board members, local business leaders, residents and others attended. The purpose was to address issues of homeless encampments and debris on and around the property. Graffiti and other issues were discussed as well.

On 2-7-17, our officers found the man in the AT+T tent at home. They told him that he was trespassing and would have to move. They watched as the man dropped his encampment to the sidewalk below. This included his tent, several chairs, a ladder and other items. He then left the location.



High Rise Camper



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The AT+T staff did a great job reclaiming the property. They painted the building and cleaned up the surrounding area. We are providing extra patrol in the area and will do everything in our power to assist.





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After Photos Gower and El Centro

On 2-3-17, we received a call of a man refusing to leave the Sunset Vine Apartments located at 1555 Vine. Our officers contacted the man in the courtyard and found him to be very hostile. He was verbally abusive and refused to leave. He finally left after being educated about the law regarding trespass.

We then were called to the nearby Jack in the Box at 6407 Sunset Blvd. for the usual call of a man refusing to leave the bathroom. The man was sent on his way.

We also responded to a call at the Starbucks located at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. regarding a man with no shoes yelling in the location. The man rapidly departed as our officers approached.

On 2-4-17, we received five calls regarding two long term homeless men named Eston and Michael. Each call involved trespass and refusing to leave. The first was at the 7-11 Store located at 1810 Cahuenga. The men were advised and left. We then received a call from the Panda Express located at 1803 Cahuenga as the men were refusing to leave. They were warned and left the scene.



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The men then went to the Anar Restaurant at 1807 Cahuenga where they were blocking the front door. After that it was back to 7-11 and after that back to the Panda Express. These two definitely are a drain on manpower.

On 2-7-17, we responded to a call of a woman disturbing customers and refusing to leave the Starbucks located at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. The woman seemed very confused and childlike. She agreed to leave, but said she was hungry, but had no money. One of our officers bought her a coffee and cinnamon roll and she left happy.

On 2-8-17, at about 6:40 A.M., we received a call of a man sleeping inside the Denny's located at 6100 Sunset Blvd. Our officers woke the man who became enraged. He started yelling and cursing. He finally left after being threatened with arrest, but he continued screaming as he went.

On 2-10-17, I sent our outreach team to check on a homeless encampment on Highland just north of Hollywood Blvd. There were two tents plus 8 to 10 people sleeping on the sidewalk. This had been going on for some weeks.

The team arrived there at about 10:30 A.M. They spoke to "Robert" and other homeless people. They had spoken to the group on prior occasions. They offered the group assistance in getting shelter and services, but they all refused help. The team did not contact anyone in the tents as they were zipped shut.

At about 11:30 A.M. we became aware that there was a deceased homeless man in a blue tent. The homeless Robert said that the man's name is David. He was born in Texas and has a son in New York. Robert described David as being a little guy who was nice and quiet. He was also addicted to heroin. Robert said another homeless person discovered the body when he entered the tent looking for a pipe to smoke drugs with.

I was able to find information about David on the coroner's web site and learned that he was 45 years old.

The LAPD and coroner's office responded and handled the investigation. It appeared to be a heroin overdose.



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On 2-11-17, we responded to a call at the Denny's located at 5751 Sunset regarding a woman with no pants refusing to leave. Our officers asked her to pull up her pants. She refused saying that they were poison. She also said she was turning colors and was going to die. The officers finally convinced her to get dressed and leave the property.

On 2-14-17, our outreach team was given a tour of the Center on Selma. They learned what resources were available and discussed ways that we can support each others operations as we try to move the homeless off the streets and into shelter and services.

On 2-15-17, we received a call of a man throwing chairs at the Baskin Robbins located at 6104 Sunset Blvd. The man left prior to our arrival. This is a surprisingly common type of call for us.

On 2-17-17, our officers responded to the Payless shoes located at 1240 Vine in regards to a man refusing to leave. The man was watching a video on his phone. He turned the volume up very loud as he had an attached speaker. He placed the device up against the window of the business. When asked to turn down the volume he became very angry.

He yelled profanities at the officers and threatened to file a complaint. He finally left the scene. The same officers then drove to the Rite Aid located at 6130 Sunset regarding another man refusing to leave the property. He also was very angry and yelled profanities and threats at the officers. He finally left shouting the whole time.





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On 2-23-17, I received a complaint from staff at the Sound Factory located at 6357 Selma regarding a homeless woman. They said she comes to the location every morning and screams profanities at the employees and clients.

On 2-24-17, I went to the business and spoke with Nick. I then found the woman lying on the sidewalk across from the library on Ivar. We had a cordial though strange conversation. She said her real name is Celeste. I talked to her about shelter and services and she said she would consider accepting help. I told her I would send my outreach team and a counselor from the Center to meet with her.

Celeste then asked me if I owned the Lakers. She asked me to contact the entertainment industry because that where her parents were. She had other similar questions for me. She did admit that she screams at people at nearby businesses, but claims someone called her a racial name. She agreed to avoid fighting with people and would give me a chance to get help for her.

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 1-31-17 Sunset Vine Apartments Security Issues
- 2) 2-2-17 Street Plus Security Issues
- 3) 2-2-17 Friends of Selma Park
- 4) 2-3-17 First Friday-Hollywood Issues
- 5) 2-3-17 AT+T Security Issues
- 6) 2-7-17 Center Outreach
- 7) 2-8-17 LAPD Crime Control
- 8) 2-8-17 BID Joint Security
- 9) 2-14-17 SBID Board
- 10) 2-14-17 Center Outreach
- 11) 2-15-17 LAPD Crime Control
- 12) 2-16-17 HBID Board
- 13) 2-17-17 LAPD Skateboard Enforcement
- 14) 2-17-17 Woman's Day The Center
- 15) 2-22-17 LAPD Crime Control
- 16) 2-23-17 Friends of Selma Park
- 17) 2-23-17 H+H Retail
- 18) 2-24-17 Sound Factory Security Issues

### **OUTREACH:**

Last month we participated in a late night count of homeless people in Hollywood. It was very cold and we realized it was time to do one of our periodic clothing drives. Our employees in Hollywood and Burbank brought in a very large amount of clothing. A company called Represent located at the Taft building also donated another 500 T-shirts. On 3-22-17, we started delivering the clothing to the Center, My Friends Place, the Youth Center on Highland, the United Methodist Church and the First Methodist Church. All these locations have programs supporting the homeless.

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After we distributed items, one of our officers donated another six bags full of blankets. We then gave them to the above listed groups.

On 1-31-17, we responded to a call of a female refusing to leave the Pep Boys located at 6125 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival our officers spoke to 46 year old Amy. She said she was hiding from her boyfriend who had been abusing her. She fled their home and has been sleeping in an abandoned car at Pep Boys. Our officers called our outreach team who responded to assist.

Our outreach team offered to help her get into a shelter, but she declined the offer. She did have a friend in North Hollywood who agreed to take her in. She had no money and no way to get there. An Uber driver named Bobby was at the location and offered to help. Our outreach team paid him \$30.00 and he loaded up Amy's property and he drove her there. The officers had no expectation of getting their money back, but I was able to reimburse them with company funds.



BID Outreach, Amy and Uber Bobby



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The team also spoke to Phillip who calls himself “Nutty Boy”. He has been homeless for about two years. He has issues with alcohol and marijuana. He said he is from Cincinnati where he worked as a zoo keeper for seven years. He lived in a shelter downtown for a while, but did not like it. He would like a place of his own. We will continue trying to guide him into shelter and services.



On 2-3-17, we received a call of a trespasser at the Yucca Market located at 1815 Cahuenga. Upon arrival they found Michael in medical distress. He was confused and short of breath. He could not stand. Our outreach team responded and gave Michael food and clothing. Paramedics were called. They responded and took Michael to the hospital.

On 2-15-17, our outreach team spoke with the 37 year old homeless Jason. He came here from Lubbock, Texas. He said he was waiting for a clearance to get general relief. He also said that he wanted to return to his family in Texas. He was directed to the Center. They have a program to supply bus tickets for people in these types of situations.

On 2-23-17, we learned that Jason got his bus ticket home. A man named Matthew made a short movie about Jason called “A Bite with Jason”. It can be viewed on You Tube. Jason was about to go to the Center when Matthew bought him the bus ticket. Jason will be returning to his father and his old job as a motor cycle mechanic. He thanked our team saying that we were the only people that reached out to him and gave him “solid advice”.

On 2-17-17, our outreach team attended a “Woman’s Day” event at the Center. Volunteers were there to provide hair styling, fingernails, make-up and wardrobe for a group of homeless ladies. They were also provided with goodies and necessities. Our officer spoke with 37 year old Kim who came here from Montana. She has been here for 5 months and just quit using heroin 3 days ago.



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Our officer met Sarah who loves children and has a job as a nanny. She said she does not make enough money for rent so she lives on the street. Our officer also spoke to Jolene who is transgender. She has a job, but lives in her car. The day was about helping these women build confidence as they try to better their circumstances. This will be a good resource for our team as we can refer homeless women to the group.



On 2-17-17, we received a call of a person trespassing inside the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. Upon making contact our officers saw that the person was having a medical emergency. He was having extreme abdominal pain. The officers called paramedics who responded and took the man to the hospital.

On 2-18-17, our officers stopped at the Montalban Theater located at 1615 Vine to speak to 12 people that were trespassing at the location. All were warned and started to leave. One man named Marshall said that his shoes had been stolen in the night and he had no money to get new ones. They called our outreach team who were able to supply Marshall with a pair of size 13 tennis shoes and a couple pairs of socks. The officers actually drove to our office to pick up the items and then took them to Marshall.

On 2-20-17, we responded to a call of a man refusing to leave the "Juice" located at 6464 Sunset Blvd. Our officers contacted the man who said he was having severe stomach pain and could not stand up. The officers called paramedics. The man was very verbally aggressive with them and they were unable to determine what was wrong with him. They took him to the hospital for treatment.

On 2-24-17 at 3:00 A.M., we did our monthly count of the homeless in the BID areas. The total was down at 159 People and 26 tents. Former major encampments near Selma and Cherokee, Vine and Lexington and under the overpass at the 101 Freeway and Gower were all gone.

On 2-24-17, our officers spoke to a man who was sitting on the sidewalk on Ivar. One of his fingers was bleeding. The officers applied antiseptics and put a band aid on the wound.



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### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 31 arrests. Two were for drinking in public, 19 for alcohol referrals, 5 for trespass, 2 for battery, 2 for theft and 1 felony. We also made 66 homeless referrals, assisted 13 agencies, provided 96 foot beat patrols for a total of 102 hours, assisted 1217 citizens, handled 665 radio calls for service and made 808 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 11 arrests. One was for drinking in public, 8 for alcohol referrals and 2 for trespass. We also made 35 homeless referrals, 4 assisted agencies, provided 44 foot beat patrols for a total of 30 hours, assisted 843 citizens, handled 480 radio calls for service, and made 481 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 42 arrests. Three for drinking in public, 27 for alcohol referrals, 7 for trespass, 2 for battery, 2 for theft and 1 felony. We also made a combined total of 101 homeless referrals, assisted 17 agencies, provided 140 foot beat patrols for a total of 132.5 hours, assisted 2060 citizens, handled 1145 radio calls for service, and made 1289 business contacts.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 1-30-17, at about 8:00 A.M., we responded to a call of a theft at the CVS Pharmacy located at 1747 Cahuenga. The store employee pointed out the suspect who was walking down the street. He said that he wanted to make a private person's arrest as the suspect had taken some hats, scissors and other items. Our officers placed suspect Erinn under arrest. They then called the LAPD who responded to the scene to take custody.

Three hours later, we were called back to the same location regarding another theft. Our officer made contact with suspect Lee who clinched his fists, took a fighting stance and started screaming "Kill me". The store employee said that Lee had stolen items and concealed them in his pants. He said he wanted to make a private person's arrest.

Our officers surrounded the suspect and took him into custody as he yelled "Shoot me. Just shoot me". The suspect fought for a short time, but was taken into custody. He was uninjured. The LAPD was called and they responded to the scene.



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On 2-19-17, we received a call of a man causing a disturbance at the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. The man pulled tiles off the wall and started throwing them at an employee. The employee then pepper sprayed the suspect. We held the suspect until the LAPD arrived. They took custody and had the man treated at the scene.

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During this period we worked from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Saturday and 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. This included officers in vehicles, bicycles, T3's and on foot.

### **TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period our officers had live fire range training, gate safety, public relations and legal update.